Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of telephone sanctioned
12	Himachal Pradesh	3703
13	Punjab	1510
14	Rajasthan	319
15	North Eastern	55
16	Tamil Nadu (592+632) (TN) (MS)	1224
17	Uttar Pradesh	518
18	West Bengal (23+57) (WB) (CAL)	80
19	New Delhi	4420
	TOTAL :	15361

Instalation of telephones recommended by M.Ps.

33. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many telephone connections as recommended by members of Parliament were installed after one month from the date of sanction during 1994; and

(b) what action has been taken against the officials in cases where telephone connections were delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone exchange in Hazaribagh (Bihar)

34. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Telephone Exchange was installed in Hazaribagh (Bihar) in the past as a cost of rupees eight crore and that Telephone Exchange was destroyed in fire;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to instal new Telephone Exchange for Hazaribagh (Bihar) and

(c) whether Government had instituted any enquiry into the cause of fire; if so, those found responsible for this fire?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir The cost of equipment was Rs. 1.43 Crore approximately.

(b) A new 3000 lines C. DOT exchange is planned to be installed at Hazaribagh (Bihar) and purchase order for the equipment has already been placed on M/s. Punjab Communications Ltd. (PCL).

(c) Yes, Sir. The fire was caused by electrical short circuit.

Post offices without telegraph facilities

35. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased ot state:

(a) the number of Post Offices which do not have telegraph offices in Tehsil Garshankar of Hoshiarpur District of Punjab and the reasons therefor;

(b) by when the telegraph facilities are likely to be provided in such post offices especially in Jaijon Town of the District; and

(c) by when the telephone facilities are likely to be provided to each Panchayat in that district especially for the town of Jaijon (Tehsil Garshankar)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Out of 17 post offices in Tehsil Garshankar of Hoshiarpur district, 6 post offices do not have the facility of booking telegrams. Rest of the 11 post offices provide booking of telegrams through telephone. Telegraph facilities are provided by the Department of Telecommunications depending upon the need and justification.

(b) Telegraph facilities in a post office is provided when there is a demand and volume of traffic justifies it. As such, no time frame can be given. The facility of booking telegrams on phone is available in Jaijon Town.

(c) Telephone facilities are likely to be provided to each Panchayat village in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab including those of the town of Jaijon (Tehsil Garshankar) by the year 1997.

Traffic control and management Information System

36. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunication has decided to purchase Rs. 900 crore worth cables on lease finance and other equipment worth over Rs. 400 crore on deferred payments from telecom majors, as reprted in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated the 26th January, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) when the tenders for the same were invited and those who have made offers in this regard so far and when and how these bids were finalised;

(d) in what manner this huge amount is going to be spent by DOT; and

(e) what are names of the financial companies both foreign and Indian so far short listed for leasing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Department of Telecmmunications (DOT) proposes to obtain PIJF U/G Cable worth Rs. 801 crore (approx) on deferred payment terms. Deferred payment agreements have already been executed for Rs. 62 crore worth of Optical Fibre Cables. It is also proposed to obtain other elecom equipments worth Rs. 526 crores (approx) on lease finance basis.

(b) The details of telecom equipment proposed to be obtained on alternate financing, i.e., leasing or deferred payment terms are placed at the enclosed Statement-I. (See below)

The alternate financing of telecom equipment(s) is being resorted to by this Department, to bridge the short-fall between the availability of budgetary resources and the funds required to meet requirements of expansion of telecom network of DOT.

(c) The offers for alternate financing had been invited by the Department through the tender for financing of telecom projects, which was opened on 15-06-1994. The names of bidders in this tender is as per annexed Statement-II. (See below) The tender was evaluated and the Tender Evaluation Committee submitted its report on 18-07-1994. As per the evaluation criterion listed in the tender, the bids were evaluated based on cost of finance.

(d) The Agreements by this department for various equipments are proposed to be as per the break-up indicated at Annexure-I. Since these Agreements